IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 4564

KAWAZU et al. Art Unit: 1638

Appl. No.: 10/521,596 Examiner: Mehta, A.D.

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For: Nucleic Acids Encoding Mirafiori Lettuce Viral **Proteins and Utilization**

Thereof (as amended)

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. As payment of the issue fee has not yet been made, or is filed herewith, Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is proper. (M.P.E.P. § 714.16.)

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.